5/3/21 lst

RESOLUTION NO. 86-21

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MAY 4 AS "INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed on May 4 and was instituted after a proposal was mailed out across the world on January 4, 1999 due to the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a wildfire at a Linton community in Victoria, Australia: and

WHEREAS, the date of May 4 is linked to St. Florian, the patron saint of firefighters, and is the feast day of St. Florian; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property; whether volunteering or as a profession, each call they respond to potentially puts the firefighter at risk of the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the IFFD symbol is a two-color ribbon of blue and red representing the main elements firefighters work with – red for fire and blue for water; these colors are internationally recognized as representing emergency service; and

WHEREAS, May 4 is the day to salute, appreciate and honor the firefighters in the City of Parma – former, current and line of duty death (LODD).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

- Section 1. That this Council hereby supports the day of May 4 as "International Firefighter's Day."
- Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Parma Fire Chief Michael Lasky.
- Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place on May 4, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	
	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:	APPROVED:
CLERK OF COUNCIL	
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:	
	MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO